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### **EX PARTE**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communication Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

### **Re: CC Docket 01-290**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to notify you that on you on Wednesday, December 10, 2003, Charles McKee of Sprint PCS, Elaine Critides of Verizon Wireless, and I (representing AT&T Wireless) met with Commission staff to update them on the status of wireless carriers' interconnection negotiations with rural independent telephone companies and related state PUC proceedings in the Southeast, including the pending arbitration proceeding before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority. (Copies of AT&T Wireless' Tennessee arbitration petition and the rural carriers' response thereto are attached hereto.) Commission staff in attendance were Jay Atkins, Steve Morris, Jane Jackson, Stacy Jordan and Tamara Preiss of the Wireline Competition Bureau and Joseph Levin, Peter Trachtenberg, Won Kim and Jared Carlson of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

Although we did not discuss any issues of substance with regard to the above-referenced docket, because the matters in the state proceedings are similar to some of those at issue in CC Docket 01-92 we are filing this ex parte out of abundance of caution.

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Pursuant to Commission rules, please include this notice and attachments in the record of this proceeding identify above.

Very truly yours,

Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

/s/

Suzanne Toller

cc: Jay Atkins  
Steve Morris  
Jane Jackson  
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